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HOUSE RESOLUTION 18 of the First Extraordinary Session
By Mumpower

A RESOLUTION to honor Mrs. Mary Fisher Landrum on the
occasion of her retirement.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this legislative body should recognize those illustrious citizens, who in their years of work, have performed with extraordinary dedication and unprecedented devotion; and

WHEREAS, Mary Landrum is one such outstanding person who has served the music profession for many years; and

WHEREAS, born in Indiana, Pennsylvania to Robert Miller Fisher and Gladys Fern Washburn Fisher, Mary attended the Baldwin School for Girls in Bryn Mawr, Pennsylvania during her childhood; and

WHEREAS, she earned her A.B. degree at Vassar, where she was a Phi Beta Kappa graduate, before earning a Master's degree from the Eastman School of Music at the University of Rochester; and

WHEREAS, she was a distinguished faculty member and the talented college organist of Austin College in Austin, Texas before her esteemed tenure on the faculty at Sullins College in Bristol, Virginia from 1965-1976; and

WHEREAS, in 1976, Mrs. Landrum brought her polished talents to King College, where she has taught music theory, church music history, music appreciation, organ, piano, and harpsichord, in addition to honorably serving as the college organist; and

WHEREAS, she displayed her gifted musical ability as the organist of the Reynolds Memorial United Methodist Church in Bristol, Virginia from 1964-1968 before becoming the current organist at the Emmanuel Episcopal Church in Bristol; and

WHEREAS, active throughout her laudable career as a recitalist and clinician, Mary Landrum served with acumen and alacrity on the faculty, in addition to serving as the astute director for two years, of the annual Sewanee Province Church Music Conference held on the campus of the University of the South; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Landrum exemplifies the spirit and dedication that is characteristic of a great Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, Mary Landrum is an active and vital part of the community and her profession, participating in numerous civic organizations, such as the Daughters of the American Revolution, of which she has served with great distinction as an officer on the local and state level, and the National Federation of Music Clubs; she is also President of The Washington County, Virginia Historical Association and a member of Delta Kappa Gamma; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Landrum also takes time from a very busy schedule to pursue her beloved hobbies; she has an extensive, museum-quality collection of hymnals, some of them dating over 200 years old, and has taken two separate tours of Holland and Germany to study and perform on various pipe organs of the region; and

WHEREAS, Mary Landrum is especially proud of her collection of slides; she is well known for two slide presentations that she has given to many organizations, "Good Night, Sweet Effie," which features her extensive slide collection of various tombstones, and "Beautiful Bristol," which examines the unique architectural details found in Bristol, Tennessee and Virginia; and

WHEREAS, Mary enjoyed many years of blissful happiness with her late husband, Dr. Graham Landrum, who taught English for more than twenty years at King College and later became a noted author of mysteries in his retirement; and

WHEREAS, her many accomplishments aside, Mrs. Landrum is most appreciative of the love and support she receives from her two children, Harriet Landrum Koscho and Robert Landrum, and her two grandchildren, Isaiah and Job Koscho; and

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, That we extend to Mrs. Mary Fisher Landrum our best wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement and continued success in her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.